

# **TIF: Building a Community of Practice**

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# What is a Community of Practice?

- A network of individuals with a common interest or problem who collaborate on effective ways of working, identify common solutions and share good practices and ideas
- TIFcommunity.org is a website that includes threaded discussions, forums, blogs, document repository
- Knowledge sharing, voluntary, continually evolving, defined by the group

# Why a Community of Practice

- Puts you in touch with like-minded grantees as well as our experts and Department of Education staff.
- Allows you to share your experiences and learn from other grantees
- Validates and builds on good practices and existing knowledge
- Provides a forum for new ideas and innovation

# What to Expect

- Interaction through threaded discussion, posting and sharing document.
- Questions posted by our experts
- Links and documents to support the topic within the communities.
- This is in addition to, not a replacement for TA and relationship with Program officer.

# This Meeting

- This meeting will be lots of work.
- We are not talking at you, you are working with your colleagues to share your knowledge and discuss challenges and potential solutions
- Who is in the room – All TIF grantees from cohorts 1, 2 and 3
- Key to the dots: cohort 1 – orange, cohort 2 – yellow and cohort 3 – green.
- Reminder to sit with a stranger, even better sit with a different color dot when possible.

# Housekeeping

- Morning break will have a snack and coffee
- Lunch on your own. See the list of local eateries in your folder. There is also a concierge in the lobby.
- Evaluation grantees will be meeting in the Chinese Room and All other grantees are welcome to lunch in this room.
- Check out the TIF café where there are computers to look at the TifCommunity. Tuesday the TIF café is in the Senate room across the hall. Tomorrow it will be in the Chinese Room
- Staff will be on hand to set you up with a user name and password.

